Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10 TO OCTOBER 13, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
New Housing Price Index	August			
Canada	103.5	0.3%	2.4%	On a year-over-year basis, new housing prices in Edmonton and Calgary rose by 2.2%, the eleventh largest increase among 21 major Canadian cities. The highest increases were in Ottawa-Hull (7.2%). Declines were experienced in Victoria (-4.4%), Sudbury – Thunder Bay (-1.3%), Vancouver (-1.0%), and Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton (-0.4%).
Edmonton	112.8	0.3%	2.2%	
Calgary	132.4	0.2%	2.2%	
New Motor Vehicle Sales (S.A.)	August			
Alberta	15,266	3.1%	11.2%	Alberta's new motor vehicle sales increased by 3.1% in August. This was the seventh highest increase among provinces behind Newfoundland (10.0%), Prince Edward Island (9.2%), New Brunswick (9.0%), Quebec (6.7%), Saskatchewan (5.8%) and Ontario (5.4%). The increase in national sales (5.1%) was due to increased manufacturer incentives.
Canada	139,281	5.1%	6.1%	
Urban Housing Starts (S.A.)	September			
Alberta	23,700	22.8%	6.2%	Urban housing starts increased 22.8% in Alberta and 8.3% in Canada for the month of September. Alberta had the third highest increase among provinces behind New Brunswick (100%) and British Columbia (50.6%).
Canada	135,400	8.3%	2.6%	
Alberta Drilling Activity (monthly average)	September 269	-3.5%	15.0%	The total number of active rigs drilling in Alberta fell 3.5% in September to 269, down from 279 in August. The number of rigs drilling in Alberta was 15% higher than September 1999. For the first 9 months of 2000, the total number of active rigs drilling in Alberta is up 64% compared to the first 9 months of 1999.